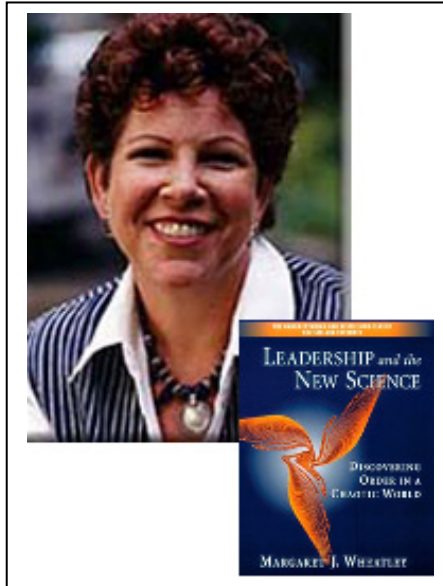


## Margaret Wheatley, Ph.D.

Margaret Wheatley, Ph.D., is founder and president of The Berkana Institute, a global leadership foundation.

She attended the University of Rochester and University College London. In the mid-1960s, she spent two years in the Peace Corps in Korea, teaching high school English. On returning to the United States, she taught junior and senior high school, then became an educational administrator of programs for children and adults who were economically poor and denied traditional educational opportunities. She received a Master of Arts degree from New York University in systems thinking. Her doctorate is from Harvard's program in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy, with a focus on organizational behavior and change.



Since 1973, she has been a consultant and speaker. She works with Fortune 100 corporations, government agencies, health-care institutions, foundations, public schools, colleges, major church denominations, professional associations, and monasteries.

She has served as full-time graduate management faculty at two institutions, Cambridge College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and The Marriott School of Management, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. She continues to serve as guest faculty or academic advisor to different programs. She is a Fellow of the World Business Academy, and was an

advisor to the Fetzer Fellows Program of the Fetzer Institute.

Her clients and audiences range from the head of the U.S. Army to twelve year old Girl Scouts, from CEOs to small town ministers. This diversity includes large corporations, government agencies, healthcare institutions, foundations, public schools, colleges, major church denominations, the armed forces, professional associations, and monasteries. All of these organizations are wrestling with a common dilemma—how to maintain their integrity and effectiveness as they cope with the relentless upheavals and rapid shifts of these chaotic times. But there is also another similarity: A common human desire to live together more harmoniously, more humanely.

The Berkana Institute is a global charitable leadership foundation begun in 1991, dedicated to serving life-affirming leaders. Berkana has always experimented with the new ideas, processes, and structures that represent the future of organizing, and has worked with people in more than 40 countries. Using multiple means, Berkana supports local leaders who are working to create communities and organizations where the human spirit is known as the blessing, not the problem. Berkana has discovered that the world is blessed with tens of thousands of these leaders—they are young and old, in all countries, working in education, NGOs, community

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development, governments, businesses. They are courageous people discovering successful ways to create positive change in their local communities, villages, and organizations. Berkana supports them by providing resources, ideas, and methods for use in their local communities. Berkana also connects these leaders to one another, creating a global community of life-affirming leaders. Information about Berkana can be obtained from [www.berkana.org](http://www.berkana.org).

Margaret's path-breaking book, ***Leadership and the New Science*** was first published in 1992, and has been translated into 17 languages. This book is credited with establishing a fundamentally new approach to how we think about organizations. It is a standard text in many leadership programs, and has won notable awards, including "Best Management book of 1992" in *Industry Week*, Top Ten Business Books of the 1990s in *CIO Magazine*, and Top Ten Business Books of all time by Xerox Corporation. A new edition was published in 1999, significantly revised, updated and expanded. The video of *Leadership and the New Science*, produced by CRM films, has also won several film awards.

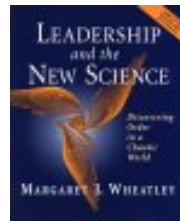
***A Simpler Way***, co-authored with Myron Rogers, (1996 ) explores the question: How would we organize human endeavor differently if we understood how Life organizes? Through photos, poetry, and prose, the book explains self-organization, and the conditions that nurture it in life and organizations. Bill Moyers recently commented: "A Simpler Way" is a wonderful experience to read. I have it at my bedside table in the apartment and am spending part of each day with it.

Her most recent book ***Turning To One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future*** (2002), proposes that it is the simple, familiar act of conversation that offers the most hope for changing the world. This book is being widely used by communities, schools, religious organizations, and social change efforts.

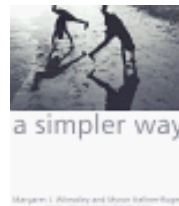
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